

**OPENING REMARKS BY THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR  
MINERALS HON. STEVEN KIRUSWA (MP) AT THE  
AFRICAN MINERALS GEOSCIENCE INITIATIVES  
(AMGI) TECHNICAL WORKSHOP ON 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2022  
AT HYATT REGENCY HOTEL IN DAR ES SALAAM**

**Delegates from South Korea,**

**The Commissioner for African Union,**

**The Commissioner for Minerals, the United Republic  
of Tanzania,**

**Chief Executive Officer, Geological Survey of Tanzania  
(GST),**

**The President of National Geographical Information  
Institute (NGII),**

**Delegates from Zambia and Mozambique,**

**All Geoscientists here present,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Good morning!**

It is a great privilege and deep sense of gratitude for me that, on behalf of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, I get to welcome all of you to our beautiful country and to our beautiful City of Dar es Salaam in

particular. I hope you will find your stay as comfortable as can be. I am particularly humbled by your choice of Tanzania as the host of this technical workshop on **the African Minerals Geosciences Initiative (AMGI)**. May I take this opportunity to congratulate the organizers from the Geological Survey of Tanzania (GST) and South Korea for bringing us all together today.

**Dear delegates,**

I am informed that these workshops, among other things, aims to formally handover the AMGI pilot project and review the progress and action plan for the main project. I consider this move to be very important since our countries need to fully understand their geology and associated natural resources for better development. I am grateful to the African Heads of State and Governments who came up with this idea during their annual meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in February 2009. This is clearly stated in the Africa Mining Vision-AMV. I am grateful for the technical support that the Government of South Korea has rendered to this initiative, specifically in Tanzania on geoscientific investigations for the pilot project which has significantly improved our understanding of geology in the

project sites. I understand that, the Government of Tanzania through GST had a collaboration agreement with the National Geographical Information Institute (NGII) of South Korea to execute geological investigations along borders between Tanzania and the neighbouring countries in 2018 with the intent to cover the existing geological information gap. Our Government encourages and supports such endeavors and therefore it is looking forward for future collaborations.

**Dear delegates,**

It is my belief that the collaboration between GST and NGII under Africa Mining Vision created a transparent, equitable and optimal conditions for understanding the geology and mineral resources aimed for sustainable growth and socio-economic development as per project's objectives. The other aspect on our side, which was very important from this collaboration, was capacity building of the Tanzanian Government officials in better management of exploration and mining development. I believe that this will continue in future collaborations.

**Dear delegates,**

I am aware that South Korea is among the countries that need minerals and metals such as nickel, graphite, rare earth elements and others for its high-tech industry, especially minerals for green energy technologies. I hope that collaboration with GST Institution which is the custodian of National geoscientific data, will locate potential sites for such resources and strategize for further exploration and development of the mining sector.

**Dear delegates,**

In order to fully utilize these minerals wealth for social-economic benefit of both countries and the investors, the Government of Tanzania plays the role of facilitator and promoter of investment in the mining industry. This includes updating country geological information, enhancing good policy, transparency and governance, streamlining fiscal and regulatory regime, strengthening institutional capacity, developing supportive infrastructure and transparent licensing procedures.

**Dear delegates,**

The AMGI pilot project between GST and South Korea through NGII commenced for the first phase in Tunduma area in Songwe Region in June through early July 2018 and it carried out geoscientific studies around the border of Tanzania with Zambia. The second phase involved not only geological and geochemical studies but also **high resolution airborne geophysical survey** were done between late July to August 2018 covering Tunduru, Namtumbo and some parts of Songea District in Ruvuma Region. Again, we really appreciate the role played by the Government of South Korea through its continued involvement in collaborative projects in our country.

Our doors are widely open for other projects that bring us together to jointly explore our resources and bring positive contribution to our local economy as well as to fulfil the country's vision on industrialization.

**Dear delegates,**

Tanzania has the ambition to fully understand the potential and management of its mineral resources by moving from being a mere supplier and exporter of

unprocessed minerals to adding value to the minerals before exporting. It is the hope of the Government of Tanzania that such an opportunity will attract a large number of people and expertise from within and outside, and as a result, it will create more jobs in mineral exploration, mining and processing. However, in order to achieve this goal, **capacity building is inevitable** and therefore, the Government calls for interested parties preferably from the Republic of Korea to team up with Tanzanians to achieve this milestone.

**Dear delegates,**

The Government of Tanzania through GST would like to submit a Project Concept Paper (PCP) on **Unearthing Mineral Resources Geoscience Information to Enable Sustainable Economic Growth, Strategic Development Programs, Improved Social Services and Poverty Reduction** to our Korean partners.

This PCP will be submitted to the Ministry of Finance and Planning first before it goes for its final approval by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East Africa Corporation. Once the internal processes are finalized, the submission

will be sent to the Embassy of the Republic of South Korea for consideration and further action.

**Dear delegates,**

We strongly believe that, the development of our mineral sector will be enhanced by our clear strategies, policies and controls put in place for administering the sector. The long-lived strong ties between our two Nations have embraced a number of projects on collaborative efforts for the development of South Korea and Tanzania. It is our hope that the Government of the Republic of South Korea will continue to support our efforts and foster our vision for industrialized economy through development of our mineral sector. Specifically we look forward to extending a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between GST and NGII beyond the two years period started in 2018 which is now due for renewal.

**Dear delegates,**

With these few remarks, I humbly wish you all the best in this technical workshop and I look forward to receiving various comments, opinions and suggestions that will accrue from your fruitful discussions.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LISTENING – ASANTE SANA**